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Amendments to the Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) Method for coordinating a plurality of outbound and inbound itineraries, comprising:

receiving a destination location, a plurality of origin locations and other travel information, wherein each origin location is associated with at least one traveler;

receiving an indication regarding a relative weight between price and schedule for at least some of the outbound and inbound itineraries;

accessing a travel database comprising at least outbound and inbound itineraries between the destination location and the origin locations;

identifying at least one outbound and inbound itinerary between the destination location and each origin location from the travel database based upon the travel information;

labeling the identified itineraries such that each of the identified outbound and inbound itineraries is associated with at least a price and schedule; ~~and~~

determining a suggested outbound and inbound itinerary from the labeled itineraries between the destination location and each origin location based upon the indication of the relative weight, and

presenting the suggested outbound and inbound itineraries for review.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
~~presenting the suggested outbound and inbound itineraries for review;~~

receiving an indication that alternative itineraries are desired for at least one of the suggested outbound and inbound itineraries associated with a respective traveler;

presenting other identified outbound and inbound itineraries between the destination location and an origin location for review if an indication is received that alternative itineraries are desired; and

receiving an indication of a selection of at least one of the other identified outbound and inbound itineraries.

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3.   (Original) The method according to claim 2, further comprising presenting information associated with the destination location when presenting at least one of the suggested itineraries and the identified itineraries.

4.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising determining at least one of a total price for all of the suggested itineraries for all of the travelers and a price for each suggested itinerary for each traveler.

5.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising determining an amount of time between when each traveler arrives at the destination location and when the last traveler arrives at the destination location for each suggested outbound itinerary.

6.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising determining an amount of time between when each traveler departs the destination location and when the first traveler departs the destination location for each suggested inbound itinerary.

7.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising storing the at least one identified outbound and inbound itinerary between the destination location and each origin location.

8.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising transmitting at least the suggested itinerary associated with a traveler to the respective traveler.

9.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising presenting the identified at least one outbound and inbound itinerary between the destination location and the origin location associated with a traveler to the respective traveler.

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    10.   (Original) The method according to claim 9, further comprising:

    receiving changes to at least one of the suggested outbound and inbound itinerary associated with a respective traveler; and

    creating a revised group of itineraries based upon the received changes.

    11.   (Original) The method according to claim 10, further comprising determining at least one of a total price for all of the itineraries and a price for each itinerary in the revised group of itineraries.

    12.   (Original) The method according to claim 10, further comprising determining at least one of an amount of time between when each traveler arrives at the destination location and when the last traveler arrives at the destination location and an amount of time between when each traveler departs the destination location and when the first traveler departs the destination location for each itinerary in the revised group of itineraries.

    13.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

    receiving changes to the indication regarding the relative weight between price and schedule for at least one of the plurality of travel itineraries;

    accessing the identified at least one outbound and inbound itinerary between the destination location and each origin location;

    determining at least one modified suggested itinerary between the destination location and at least one of the origin locations based upon the changes; and

    replacing at least one suggested itinerary with the at least one modified suggested itinerary to create a revised group of suggested itineraries.

    14.   (Original) The method according to claim 13, further comprising determining at least one of a total price for all of the suggested itineraries and a price for each suggested itinerary in the revised group of suggested itineraries.

15.   (Original) The method according to claim 13, further comprising determining at least one of: (i) an amount of time between when each traveler arrives at the destination location and when the last traveler arrives at the destination location, and (ii) an amount of time between when each traveler departs the destination location and when the first traveler departs the destination location for each suggested itinerary in the revised group of suggested itineraries.

16.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
receiving payment information regarding how the travel costs for each traveler are to be paid; and
transmitting billing information based upon the payment information.

17.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
receiving hotel rental information associated with at least one of the travelers;
accessing a travel database comprising hotel rental information for the destination location;
identifying at least one hotel itinerary from the travel database based upon the hotel rental information;
presenting the identified at least one hotel itinerary for review; and
receiving an indication of a selected hotel itinerary from the at least one hotel itinerary.

18.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
receiving car rental information associated with at least one of the travelers;
accessing a travel database comprising car rental information for the destination location;
identifying at least one car rental itinerary from the travel database based upon the car rental information;
presenting the at least one car rental itinerary for review; and
receiving an indication of a selected car rental itinerary from the at least one car rental itinerary.

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19.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising providing electronic communication among at least two of a travel organizer and the travelers.

Claims 20 – 25.   Cancelled.

26.   (Currently Amended) A system for coordinating a plurality of outbound and inbound itineraries, comprising:

at least one client element ~~for~~ capable of receiving a destination location, a plurality of origin locations and other travel information, wherein each origin location is associated with at least one traveler, and wherein said at least one client element is also ~~for~~ capable of receiving an indication regarding a relative weight between price and schedule for at least some of the outbound and inbound itineraries; ~~and~~

at least one processing element ~~for~~ capable of accessing a travel database comprising at least outbound and inbound itineraries between the destination location and the origin locations, wherein said at least one processing element is also ~~for~~ capable of identifying at least one outbound and inbound itinerary between the destination location and each origin location from the travel database based upon the travel information, wherein said at least one processing element is ~~for~~ capable of labeling the identified itineraries such that each of the identified outbound and inbound itineraries is associated with at least a price and schedule, and wherein said at least one processing element is further ~~for~~ capable of determining a suggested outbound and inbound itinerary from the labeled itineraries between the destination location and each origin location based upon the indication of the relative weight; and

at least one display element for presenting the suggested outbound and inbound itineraries for review.

27.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 26, ~~further comprising:~~ ~~at least one display element capable of presenting the suggested outbound and inbound~~ ~~itineraries for review,~~ wherein said at least one display element is also ~~for~~ capable of presenting

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other identified outbound and inbound itineraries between the destination location and an origin
location for review if an indication is received that alternative itineraries are desired;

wherein said at least one client element is for capable of receiving an indication that
alternative itineraries are desired for at least one of the suggested outbound and inbound
itineraries associated with a respective traveler, and wherein said at least one client element is
also for capable of receiving an indication of a selection of at least one of the other identified
outbound and inbound itineraries.

28.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 26[[27]], wherein said at
least one display element is also for capable of presenting information associated with the
destination location when presenting at least one of the suggested itineraries and the identified
itineraries.

29.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 26, wherein said at least one
processing element is also for capable of determining at least one of a total price for all of the
suggested itineraries for all of the travelers and a price for each suggested itinerary for each
traveler.

30.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 26, wherein said at least one
processing element is also for capable of determining an amount of time between when each
traveler arrives at the destination location and when the last traveler arrives at the destination
location for each suggested outbound itinerary.

31.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 26, wherein said at least one
processing element is also for capable of determining an amount of time between when each
traveler departs the destination location and when the first traveler departs the destination
location for each suggested inbound itinerary.

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32.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 26, further comprising at least one storage element for ~~capable of~~ storing the at least one identified outbound and inbound itinerary between the destination location and each origin location.

33.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 26, wherein said at least one processing element is also for ~~capable of~~ transmitting at least the suggested itinerary associated with a traveler to the respective traveler.

34.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 26[[27]], wherein said at least one display element is also for ~~capable of~~ presenting other identified at least one outbound and inbound itinerary between the destination location and the origin location associated with a traveler to the respective traveler.

35.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 34, wherein said at least one client element is also for ~~capable of~~ receiving changes to at least one of the suggested outbound and inbound itinerary associated with a respective traveler, and wherein said at least one processing element is also for ~~capable of~~ creating a revised group of itineraries based upon the received changes.

36.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 35, wherein said at least one processing element is also for ~~capable of~~ determining at least one of a total price for all of the itineraries and a price for each itinerary in the revised group of itineraries.

37.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 35, wherein said at least one processing element is also for ~~capable of~~ determining at least one of: (i) an amount of time between when each traveler arrives at the destination location and when the last traveler arrives at the destination location, and (ii) an amount of time between when each traveler departs the destination location and when the first traveler departs the destination location for each itinerary in the revised group of itineraries.

38.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 26,

wherein said at least one client element is also for capable of receiving changes to the indication regarding the relative weight between price and schedule for at least one of the plurality of travel itineraries; and

wherein said at least one processing element is also for capable of accessing other identified at least one outbound and inbound itinerary between the destination location and each origin location, wherein said at least one processing element is also for capable of determining at least one modified suggested itinerary between the destination location and at least one of the origin locations based upon the changes, and wherein said at least one processing element is also for capable of replacing at least one suggested itinerary with the at least one modified suggested itinerary to create a revised group of suggested itineraries.

39.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 38, wherein said at least one processing element is also for capable of determining at least one of a total price for all of the suggested itineraries and a price for each suggested itinerary in the revised group of suggested itineraries.

40.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 38, wherein said at least one processing element is also for capable of determining at least one of: (i) an amount of time between when each traveler arrives at the destination location and when the last traveler arrives at the destination location, and (ii) an amount of time between when each traveler departs the destination location and when the first traveler departs the destination location for each suggested itinerary in the revised group of suggested itineraries.

41.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 26, wherein said at least one processing element is also for capable of receiving payment information regarding how the travel costs for each traveler are to be paid, and wherein said at least one processing element is also for capable of transmitting billing information based upon the payment information.

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42.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 26,

wherein said at least one processing element is also for ~~capable of~~ receiving hotel rental information associated with at least one of the travelers, wherein said at least one processing element is also for ~~capable of~~ accessing a travel database comprising hotel rental information for the destination location, wherein said at least one processing element is also for ~~capable of~~ identifying at least one hotel itinerary from the travel database based upon the hotel rental information, and wherein said at least one processing element is also for ~~capable of~~ receiving an indication of a selected hotel itinerary from the at least one hotel itinerary; and

wherein said at least one display element is also for ~~capable of~~ presenting the identified at least one hotel itinerary for review.

43.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 26,

wherein said at least one processing element is also for ~~capable of~~ receiving car rental information associated with at least one of the travelers, wherein said at least one processing element is also for ~~capable of~~ accessing a travel database comprising car rental information for the destination location, wherein said at least one processing element is also for ~~capable of~~ identifying at least one car rental itinerary from the travel database based upon the car rental information, and wherein said at least one processing element is also for ~~capable of~~ receiving an indication of a selected car rental itinerary from the at least one car rental itinerary; and

wherein said at least one display element is also for ~~capable of~~ presenting the at least one car rental itinerary for review.

44.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 26, ~~further comprising~~ wherein said at least one processing element is also for ~~capable of~~ providing electronic communication among at least two of a travel organizer and the travelers.

Claims 45 – 50. Cancelled.